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A FAMILY MURDERED.

A Mother and Five Children Decoyed from Bates County.

Taken Over the Kansas Line and Foully Murdered.

From the Kansas City Times.

PLEASANTON, June 2.—About noon to-day Constable Goss came in to town with the news that two children had been found drowned in Sugar creek, about five miles north of Pleasanton. A coroner's jury was at once summoned and went to the place of drowning. Upon reaching the place there was discovered a wagon and one horse, a full set of harness excepting one bridle, and by the side of the wagon was found the body of a girl about 11 years, with her head completely severed from her body. Upon taking the children from the stream it was found they had been murdered and thrown into the stream. They proved to be a boy and girl. The girl—about 11 years of age—had her skull mashed with an ax. The boy was about 6 years of age and his throat was cut from ear to ear. Coffins were provided, in which they were placed and the inquest held. In the meantime some of the party discovered a terrible stench, and upon searching the body of a woman was found in some thick brush, covered with logs and bark, and on uncovering it was found that she had been hit in the side of the head with an ax and her throat cut from ear to ear. She is supposed to be the mother of the children. They were all buried on the spot, as they were too much decomposed to move. It is found by further investigation that these parties were in town last week inquiring the way to Jones Switch. The man was about five feet six inches high, weighing about 140 pounds, sandy beard, and wore very ragged clothes. In the wagon was found four plain straw hats. No clue as to who the perpetrator was, and nothing was found to indicate who the victims were or where they came from.

THE PLEASANTON TRAGEDY.

From the Kansas City Journal.

PLEASANTON, KAN., June 3.—The murdered family discovered four miles north of here yesterday was the family of John H. Anderson. The bodies found were Mrs. Anderson, aged about 35 years; Lillian, 13 years; Ella, 10 years; Anna, 8 and James, 4 years. Anna's body was discovered this morning, making five bodies so far. The family were very improvident, the man, John H. Anderson, and his nephew by marriage, Lewis Wampler, preferring fishing and hunting to work. It seems, from what can be learned, that this Lewis Wampler had committed some crime which the Anderson family were fully acquainted with and on several occasions had threatened to kill the whole family. From every indication he carried out his threat. On May 26 Wampler and Anderson left Jones' switch (a wood switch about five miles north of here) to go to Missouri after Anderson's family, who resided on H. F. Caton's farm, about ten miles east of Pleasanton. On Monday, May 26, Wampler appeared at the house alone, and told Mrs. Anderson that her husband was arrested and in the calaboose at Pleasanton for some unknown cause, and wanted her to come to him. She went to a neighbor named Mullis and stated that she was afraid to go with Wampler, for fear he would kill her, but he prevailed on her to go, and that night about 8 o'clock they started for Pleasanton. Before they started he loaded his rifle, saying he might need it on the way. They arrived in Pleasanton about 2 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, May 27 and were met by the night watchman, James McGuire who found out that the man's name was Wampler and that

he wanted to know the way to Jones' switch. He directed them there and took especial notice of him and his dog, a yellow shepherd dog with white on neck and feet. That is the last trace of the family until the discovery of the bodies. Parties found the wagon, harness and one horse.

Louis Wampler is a man about 30 or 35 years old, about five feet six and a half or seven inches tall, dark complexion, weighs about 140 pounds, nothing peculiar about his speech or walk; dressed in very common clothes. One horse and bridle and his rifle are missing, and are wanted very badly in this neighborhood. It is supposed that the body of Anderson will yet be found somewhere on the route from Jones' switch to his home in Bates county, Mo.

Everything that can be done to secure the person of Wampler will be done by our people. There has never been such excitement in this vicinity since the memorable day that Price fought his only battle on free soil on the ground on which this town is now located.

A Mixed Family.

From the Osceola Sun.

A cat belonging to the family of Squire Hoover, at Manon, has two kittens about a month old. Last Saturday while Mrs. Hoover was visiting the barn in quest of eggs she found two young rabbits with the kittens. On Sunday the cat, kittens and rabbits were removed to the house, where they were duly petted and admired by the children. Monday Mrs. Hoover becoming tired of them in the house, took them back to the barn, and late in the evening some school children visited the barn to see them, and found a further increase in the cat family by two other rabbits the same size as the first. The old cat to all appearances, seems as kind to the rabbits as she does to the kittens. She has been assigned pleasant quarters near the house, and the Squire thinks of going into the rabbit business.

Watch Them!

From the Missouri Republican.

Although at the Moberley convention of 1880 there was a large majority of Tilden men, it is known that by trickery and false representations a number of delegates got in who were at heart opposed to the nomination of that statesman. These persons organized the delegation and gave all the positions of honor to the anti-Tilden men—Pulitzer, Munford, O'Day & Co. It turned out that whilst the Democrats of the state supposed they were sending a substantially solid Tilden delegation to Cincinnati, the tables were turned upon them by *hocus pocus*. On one point, however, these schemers were beaten. Pulitzer, Munford, O'Day & Co. sought to carry the delegation for the admission of the Tammany bolters, and worked like beavers for John Kelly. They were, indeed, able to muster eleven votes, but there were nineteen opposed to them, and the convention sat down on the Tammany claim by a vote of nearly two to one.

This little bit of history may be useful in casting about for Tilden delegates to the Chicago Democratic convention. It is all well enough not to ostracise Democrats who, four or eight years ago, were honestly in favor of some other candidate than Tilden for president. But it is not altogether necessary for Tilden men to stretch a point in order to honor those who ostracise them, and who are seeking places from which to repeat the old warfare.

Mr. Blaine has confided his fullest instructions to Bill W. Phelps. If Mr. Phelps is the good man he used to be, how can he know anything about the prices of Southern delegates?

FOR THE GRANGER.

Various Items of News for Stock Men and Farmers.

CHEAT IN THE WHEAT.

Appleton Journal: The wheat crop in this part of the country will be a failure this season. Cheat has made its appearance in almost every field to such an extent that it will hardly be worth harvesting.

Nevada Mail: Fourteen car loads of Texas cattle passed through here Wednesday on second No. 156, and eighteen car loads followed on No. 158. They were en route for St. Louis, but were not in good shipping condition, a large number of them being down in the cars.

Clinton Creamery Co. have started a wagon for the purpose of delivering buttermilk to city patrons, daily except Sunday, at 7 1-2 cents per gallon. They are churning from 1,000 to 1200 pounds of butter a week. They purchase cream from about one hundred parties, a number realizing from \$10 to \$21 per month.

The advantage of an Eastern market for the surplus products of this and adjacent counties was demonstrated Tuesday night by the shipment of two cars of chickens for New York City, purchased at Walker, Appleton City, Montrose, Clinton, Calhoun and Windsor. Each Car contained 340 dozen chickens, placed in coops convenient for handling and feeding. Spencer & Lake were the purchasers in Clinton and other points. Mr. C. L. Orth is buying a car of chickens for shipment to Colorado.

Holden Enterprise: Much has been said here in regard to the growing crop of wheat. As Johnson county is the great wheat growing centre of Missouri, several letters have been addressed to us making inquiries as to the outlook. To all of which we have replied, from our information, that wheat is looking much better now than a few weeks ago, and that more than a half crop will be harvested. Corn was planted late, and owing to the cool weather, the stand is not good, and the prospect for a large yield not flattering.

Harrisonville Democrat: There has been considerable talk and some fears expressed, that the wheat crop in this county would be cut short this season on account of the chintz bugs, rust and cheat. We conversed a day or two since with a gentleman who is a careful observer of these things, and who has personally examined a great many fields within a radius of six miles of Harrisonville, and he informs us that within that limit on the northwest, west, southwest and south, the prospects for an extra fine crop were never better, and there is scarcely any cheat to be seen. On the east and southeast the prospects are not so good. The crop in that region will be below an average with considerable cheat. Our informant says he found chintz bugs in but one field, and they not doing any great damage. Very little rust was seen anywhere. Our information from other parts of the county is to the effect that in some fields cheat is very plentiful, but as a general thing the crop will be an average one.

So many Ohio men are being hanged it is hard to say just how the State will go in the November election.

There is said to be only one Quaker in Congress. His fellow-members, however, are frequently moved by the spirit.

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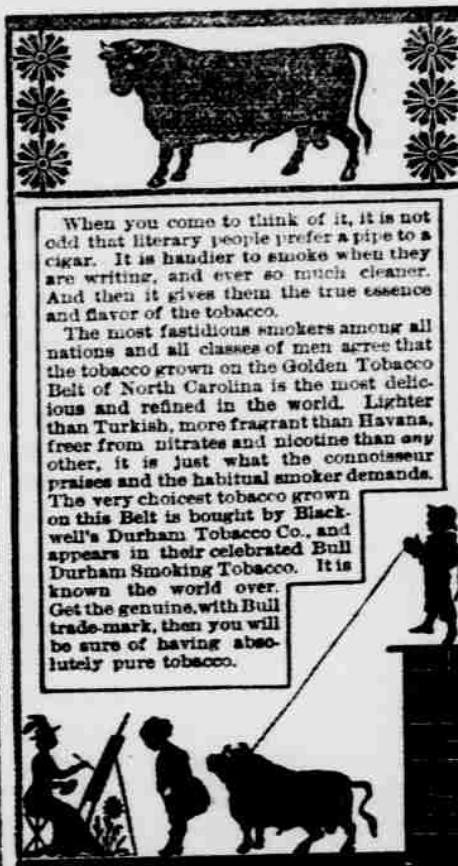
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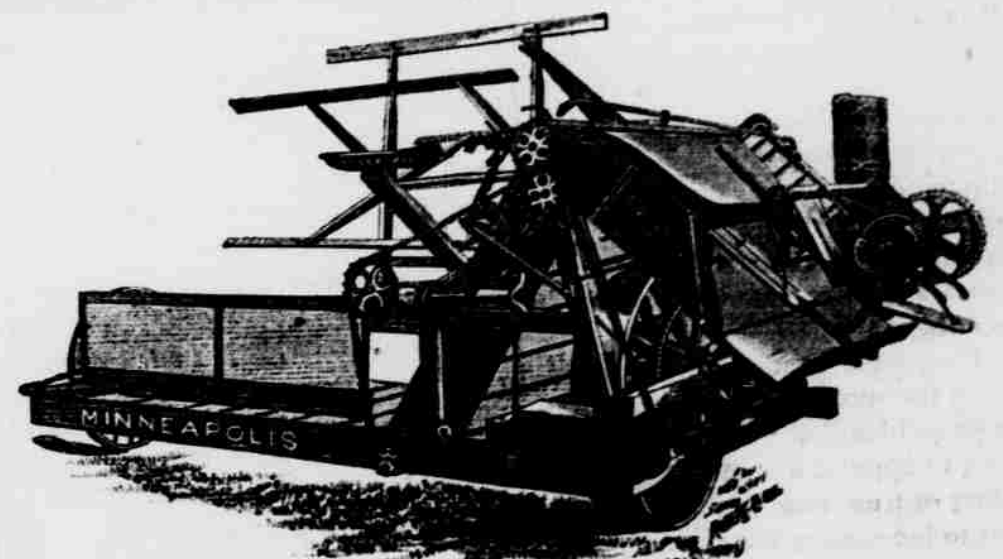
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